

## PATENT

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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*See applied only*

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 2, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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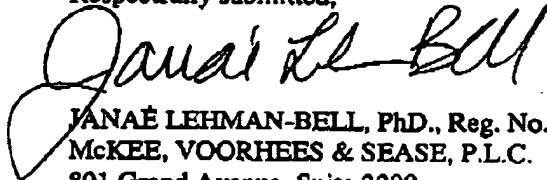
request that the rejection to claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, be withdrawn and reconsidered.

## CONCLUSION

This is a request to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for one month from February 2, 2005 to March 2, 2005. Applicant is a small entity, therefore, please charge Deposit Account number 26-0084 in the amount of \$60.00 to cover the cost of the one month extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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